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| Agency of Human Services - FY20 Budget | | | | |
| Summary of Upward Pressures and Reductions - General Fund Impact | | | | |
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| Upward Pressures: | | | | |
| Pressure # | Department | Pressure | Total GF | Description |
| Revenue Pressures: | | | 6,708,305 | |
| 1 | Secretary's Office - GC | Base GF Shortfall - No Carryforward | 1,500,000 | No carryforward as match per Act 11 of 2018 SS Sec. C.102(a)(1)(A). |
| 2 | Secretary's Office - GC | CHIP Qualifying Claims Shortfall | 1,464,503 | CHIP qualifying claims estimated to be lower than base budgeted earnings. |
| 3 | DMH | HUD funding - Howard Center Branches | 120,076 | Continuation of backfill of lost HUD funding that was direct to the Howard Center. |
| 4 | DCF | FSD - IV-E Federal Funding Adjustments, CS Collections | 684,710 | Fewer children meeting IV-E eligibility criteria; fewer child support collections from non-custodial parents. |
| 5 | DCF | OCS - IV-D and other Federal Funding Adjustments | 264,024 | Decline in IV-D eligible activities. |
| 6 | DCF | Woodside | 2,674,992 | DCF had sought to regain Medicaid funding for Woodside through certification as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). However, based on communications with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and challenges with certification, DCF is no longer pursuing this option. |
| Salary Pressures: | | | 12,335,610 | |
| 7 | AHS | AHS Salary & Fringe Increases | 3,859,675 | Annualization of salary & fringe increases. |
| 8 | AHS | AHS Salary & Fringe - New Positions | 177,972 | VDH Positions at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner & Vital Records. |
| 9 | AHS | AHS Salary & Fringe Capped Federal Funds | 1,232,306 | General fund need created by capped federal funding sources at VDH, DCF and DAIL. |
| 10 | AHS | AHS Retirement Rate & Other Fringe Adjustments | 2,620,249 | Retirement rate increase and other fringe adjustments. |
| 11 | DCF | Class Reclassifications | 1,402,687 | DCF Class RFRs from 2016 and 2017 including social workers. |
| 12 | DMH | Physician Contract with UVMCMC | 98,976 | Negotiated increase to contract with UVMCMC. |
| 13 | DCF | FSD - Caseload drive OT/call-in/standby, temps | 664,314 | FSD overall caseload continues to trend upward. Overtime and temp positions are used to manage caseload pressures. |
| 14 | DOC | Class Reclassification - COI & COII | 2,279,431 | Upgrades for approximately 500 DOC employees. |
| Forecasted Pressures (Caseload): | | | 14,853,504 | |
| 15 | DVHA | Medicaid Caseload & Utilization | 4,024,047 | Updated per the Consensus Forecast process. Adopted by the January 2019 E-Board. |
| 16 | DVHA | Buy-in | 1,258,233 | This change incorporates a rate increase and trend in member months. |
| 17 | DMH | Kids Residential Cost & Caseload increase | 822,617 | DMH is experiencing pressure in PNMI (private non-medical institutions – residential treatment for children). |
| 18 | DMH | Adult CRT Enhanced Plans | 246,708 | Increased demand for the CRT difficulty of care program. This program intends to keep individuals out of hospital when possible. |
| 19 | DCF | FSD - Adoption Caseload | 757,227 | The annual caseload for adoption subsidies has increased from 2,230 to 2,424 cases and the cost per case decreased from \$8,729 to \$8,596.96 resulting in a net increase of \$1,373,361, of which \$757,227 is allocated to GF. |
| 20 | DCF | Reach Up - Revenue Loss due to Caseload decrease | 98,000 | Child support collections revenue loss due to caseload decrease. |
| 21 | DAIL | DS Caseload | 4,131,228 | Caseload increases as calculated per the DS System of Care plan. |
| 22 | DAIL | Statutory Nursing home Inflation & Rebase | 2,689,880 | Increase calculated per statutory requirements. |
| 23 | DAIL | Home & Community Based Caseload pressure | 825,565 | Based on projected caseload increase of 56 X \$31,958. |
| Other Operating Pressures: | | | 8,600,964 | |
| 24 | AHS -wide | Internal Service Funds | 571,413 | Adjustments related to FFS, ADS, DHR, VISION, etc. |
| 25 | DMH | Room & Board Investment Phasedown | 594,892 | Continuation of CMS required investment phasedown. |
| 26 | DCF | FSD - Room & Board Investment Phasedown | 1,702,893 | Continuation of CMS required investment phasedown. |
| 27 | DCF | CDD - Childcare transportation | 128,221 | Expand contract with Good News Garage to provide specialized childcare transportation in Newport and St. Albans. |
| 28 | DAIL | AFSCME CBA - Year 2 and Year 1 Annualized | 1,312,925 | Increases for Year 1 and Year 2 for the CBA with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. |
| 29 | DVHA | AFSCME CBA - Year 2 Year 1 Annualized | 216,750 | Increases for Year 1 and Year 2 for the CBA with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. |
| 30 | DAIL | VVH Settlement | 1,743,435 | Rate increase and cost settlement for SFY18. |
| 31 | DOC | Operating Increases | 32,862 | Operating increases for the Offender Mgmt System, energy, food, water. |
| 32 | DVHA | Contract Increases - MMIS & E&E | 2,297,574 | M&O contract Increases (Wex, Optum, MMIS) |
| INITIATIVES: | | | 2,000,000 | |
| 33 | DCF | FSD Staffing Initiative | 2,000,000 | Initiative to provide staffing and other resources to meet demands of rising caseloads. |
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| | | TOTAL UPWARD PRESSURES | 44,498,383 | |
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| Reduction Proposals: | | | | |
| Reduction # | Department | Reduction | Total GF | Description |
| Revenue Savings: | | | (10,947,331) | |
| 1 | Secretary's Office - GC | SHRCF Eboard Adopted Forecast - July | (5,765,478) | SHRCF revenue available from July Eboard Adopted Forecast. |
| 2 | Secretary's Office - GC | Base FMAP Change (including childless new adults) | (1,145,469) | Base FMAP change from 53.79% to 53.87%. |
| 3 | Secretary's Office - GC | New Adult Caseload & Utilization | (2,983,384) | Increases Federal Medicaid matching funds due to revised estimates for 'Childless New Adults' which, decreases the General fund need . |
| 4 | DCF | Leverage Home Weatherizaton Assistance Fund | (600,000) | Revenue from the Fuel Tax (Home Weatherization Assistance Fund) is anticipated to be higher than the base budgeted amount. DCF proposes to use this additional revenue in the administrative deptid to cover costs related to the administration of the LIHEAP program. |
| 5 | DCF | Reach Up - Revenue Increase PA & FS Recoveries | (153,000) | Receipts from individuals who received an overpayment of benefits. |
| 6 | DOC | Raise Supervision Fees from \$15 to \$30 | (300,000) | Supervision fees have not been raised in 20 years. DOC has the authority to raise up to \$30 per 28 V.S.A. § 102 (c)(14). |
| Expense Reductions - Caseload Savings: | | | (10,258,359) | |
| 7 | Secretary's Office - GC | UVM Investment Phasedown | (625,284) | Continuation of CMS required MCO investment phasedown. |
| 8 | DVHA & DAIL | Other Insurance - Commercial Policy WC reduction | (211,938) | Workers' Comp Insurance premium reduction for direct care workers per Risk Management. |
| 9 | DCF | CDD - Subsidy caseload decrease | (1,250,000) | Continued trend of declining enrollmnet of children in the CCFAP program based on SFY 19. |
| 10 | DCF | CDD - CIS Underutilization | (309,714) | Underutilization in Children's Integrated Services. |
| 11 | DCF | AABD - Caseload Savings | (1,000,000) | The number of AABD cases is declining. |
| 12 | DVHA | Clawback | (1,747,959) | Lowens amount clawed back by Medicare for prescriptions for dually eligible individuals. Enrollment has dropped 7% from a high of 21,347 (Oct 2015) to a current (June 2018) 19,825.FY20 cost of \$34.9M. |
| 13 | DCF | Reach Up Caseload Savings | (1,218,142) | Reduction in RU caseload based on projections from the Leslie Black Plumeau report. Reach Up - Caseload 3684 to 3425; CPC 465.43 to 472.43, Reach Ahead -Caseload 417 to 314; CPC 40.74 to 38.40) |
| 14 | DAIL | Attendant Services Medicaid - Utilization | (69,195) | Underutilization. |
| 15 | DAIL | Nursing Home Medicaid Bed Utilization | (2,301,562) | Underutilization - 23,759 days @ \$210 per day. |
| 16 | DAIL | TBI Underutilization | (150,000) | Underutilization. |
| 17 | DAIL | DS Caseload utilization trend adjustment | (250,000) | Underutilization based on current trend and previous years. |
| 18 | DOC | OOS reduction from 268 to 225 beds | (1,124,565) | DOC estimates OOS caseload at 225 beds. |
| Expense Reductions - Proposals: | | | (7,480,656) | |
| 19 | Secretary's Office - GC | Eliminate Medicaid funding for GMCB | (1,247,759) | Transition GMCB from Medicaid investment to Billback funding. |
| 20 | AHS - Secretary's Office | Increased vacancy savings, vacant position reduction | (91,474) | Savings achieved thru attrition/vacant positions. |
| 21 | DVHA | Eliminate 6 vacant positions thru attrition | (500,000) | Savings achieved thru attrition. |
| 22 | VDH | Eliminate 9 vacant positions thru attrition | (250,000) | Savings achieved thru attrition. |
| 23 | DMH | Operating, Contract and Grant Reductions | (189,656) | Operating expense efficiencies. |
| 24 | DMH | Eliminate Sheriff Supervision in ED | (268,490) | Elimination of sheriff supervision in hospital Emergency Departments in accordance with CMS guidelines. |
| 25 | DCF | Eliminate VT Child & Family Community Response Pilot | (350,000) | Eliminates pilot that was in Washington, Franklin & Rutland counties. |
| 26 | DCF | Reach Up Grant Savings | (340,087) | Reduce grants and contracts in the Reach Up program in line with the continuing caseload decline. |
| 27 | DCF | Reach Up Staff SNAP E&E Training Funding Shift | (1,484,913) | Utilizing SNAP E&T funding in the Reach Up program for households up to the duel eligible cap. |
| 28 | DCF | Eliminate contracts for Reach Up Case Management but invest in PCC infrastructure | (800,000) | PCCs will no longer perform case management for Reach Up. Eliminate contracts of \$1.6M. \$800K will be invested in PCC infrastructure thru master grants. Net savings of \$800K. |
| 29 | DCF | Change Crisis Fuel Benefit to State Median Income | (175,000) | Use State Medium Income (SMI) to calculate crisis fuel benefits which will allow Vermont to use federal LIHEAP funds to serve households between 150-185% of the FPL. |
| 30 | DAIL | Reduce SASH Grant | (250,000) | Leaves SASH funding at \$400K. Reduces Investments. |
| 31 | DOC | Eliminate 5 vacant positions | (516,000) | Savings achieved thru attrition/vacant positions. |
| 32 | DOC | Contract elimination | (800,000) | Savings from the elimination of the Phoenix Tapestry program. Program has transitioned to different model. |
| 33 | DOC | GC Grant Reductions | (217,277) | Misc grant reductions. |
| | | TOTAL REDUCTIONS | (28,686,346) | |
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| | | FINAL AHS POSITION GOVERNOR RECOMMEND | 289,142,739 | |
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| | | Per Finance & Management Policy Reductions | (8,380,656) | |